

2025-2026

Work, Learn & Grow FAQs



Application Period:

October 6 - October 24, 2025



Program Dates:

October 27, 2025 - March 28, 2026



What is the Work, Learn & Grow (WLG) Program?

WLG offers young people (between the ages of 16 and 20) from select NYC public schools an opportunity to strengthen work-readiness skills, explore careers, and receive academic support- including guidance on postsecondary education and the potential to earn a college credit.



What are the Eligibility Requirements?

You may qualify for **CareerReady WLG** if you are between the ages of 16 and 19 as of October 27, 2025, enrolled in a public high school, and were a participant of CareerReady SYEP 2025.

You may qualify for **Special Initiatives WLG** if you are between the ages of 16 and 20 as of October 27, 2025, are currently enrolled in an NYC public high school and were a participant of Special Initiatives SYEP 2025.

In addition to these requirements, all WLG participants must be a resident of one of the five boroughs of New York City and legally allowed to work in the US. *Ready to apply? Click **here** to get started.*



If Selected, How Can I Submit My Required Documents?

You will have the option to submit your documents online, or in-person to your Provider. Your Provider will reach out to you with more information regarding this. Check out the full required documents checklist.

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? How Much Will I Be Paid?

WLG participants can earn up to \$4,213.50 throughout the program. Participants will be paid biweekly via direct deposit or a payroll debit card. Your Provider will explain the weekly hours breakdown of the program during orientation.

? What Are the Hour Requirements for WLG?

WLG consists of 250 hours of programming. Please see the hours breakdown by component down below:

WLG Component	Max # of Hours
Orientation	5 Hours
CUNY Course	15 Hours
Provider-led Sessions	10 Hours
Reflection	5 Hours
Internship	215 Hours
Total	250 Hours

? What Types of Jobs Are Offered Through WLG?

Job placements can be in-person, remote, or a combination of both. Past participants have worked in a variety of industries, including Education, Hospitality, Information Technology, and Financial Services. Be sure to discuss your career goals and interests with your Provider to help find the right opportunity for you.

*Internet access is required to participate in WLG. Please inform your Provider if you know you do not have an internet connected device, such as a smartphone, iPad, or computer***